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"EXPEDITED PROCEDURE"
EXAMINING GROUP 3727

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for a one (1) month extension of time in the above-identified application, up to and including December 28, 2006, to make this reply timely.

In response to the outstanding Office Action mailed August 28, 2006, Applicants provide the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.